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RE:

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Entitled: Compositions for Controlling Scaling

AND COMPLETION FLUIDS

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FROM:

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#### **AMENDMENT**

COMPOSITIONS FOR CONTROLLING SCALING AND COMPLETION FLUIDS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2004, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before June 12, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.